GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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MOTHER TO CHILD TREATMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have accepted the report submitted by an Expert Group on Mother to Child Treatment Programme;

(b) if so, the salient feature of the recommendations;

(c) the action programme drawn up by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the AIDS societies and NGO`s are also being considered by the Government for involvement in the programme;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the success ratio of the programme in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. On the recommendation of the Expert Committee, feasibility study on prevention of mother to child transmission was conducted in 11 centres in five high HIV prevalence States namely, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu from Ist April 2000 to September, 2001.

(c) to (f) Based on the outcome of the feasibility study, Govt. has decided to expand Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission Programme to all six high HIV prevalence States upto the district level and in Medical Colleges all over the country in a phased manner in collaboration with State AIDS Control Societies and NGOS.